



## Whitehorse Education Grant Fact Sheet

**Funding Amount:** \$400 per student (Maximum \$1600: 4 students per school)

**Who can apply?** The Whitehorse Education Grant is open to the following applicants:

- Whitehorse community agencies
- Whitehorse education/training providers including schools

**What is the Whitehorse Education Grant?**

The Whitehorse Education Grant supports families experiencing financial hardship and their young people (**aged 10 – 25**) to remain engaged in education and training.

Whitehorse community agencies and education/training providers including schools can apply for this grant to reimburse expenses incurred to support a young person in education and training. Individual families/carers or students are not allowed to apply for this grant.

This grant is a sub-category of the Health and Wellbeing Grant.

**Eligibility Information:**

- Young people (aged 10 – 25) in primary or secondary school, further education, training or courses who live or study in Whitehorse.
- Young people/their families must be experiencing financial hardship – evidenced by low-income health care card of parents or young person and be verified by the applicant (education provider or community agency).
- Preference is given to students attending a Government school. However, the grant does not preclude students from fee paying schools.
- There are no other financial assistance schemes available to cover these expenses, such as the State Schools Relief Fund (available to eligible students within Victorian Government schools) or the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (available to eligible students within both Victorian Government and non-government schools).

Items **approved** under this grant include:

- Compulsory textbooks, materials, resources, equipment and uniforms not covered by other assistance/schemes.
- School trips/camps (assistance to remain engaged in education), not covered by other assistance schemes.
- Fees for training and short courses (for example VCAL, Pre-Apprenticeships, VET Certificates, First Aid, Barista Course).
- IT equipment

Items **NOT** approved under this grant include:

- Education fees / parent payments for mainstream primary and secondary schools
- Private tuition
- Out of school hours recreation activities
- Travel assistance
- Possible ongoing financial commitment for students/family (ie – mobile phone, internet)
- Health related equipment: reading glasses, hearing aid.
- Child Care expenses

For further enquiries regarding this grant, contact Council's School Focused Youth Services Coordinator: [SFYS@whitehorse.vic.gov.au](mailto:SFYS@whitehorse.vic.gov.au)